REMARKS

Claims 1-17 are pending in the above-identified application. Claims 1, 2, 4, 6-12, 14, 16 and 17 were rejected. Claims 3, 5, 13, and 15 were objected to as being dependent on rejected base claims. With this Amendment, Claims 1 and 11 have been amended and Claims 3 and 13 have been cancelled. Accordingly, Claims 1, 2, 4 - 12, and 14 - 17 are at issue.

I. Objection to The Specification

In regard to the Examiner objection to the specification because of informalities, as illustrated in "In the Specification" section of the present paper Applicant has provided the following title:

"COMMUNICATION DEVICE AND METHOD FOR TRANSMITTING THROUGH THE USE OF ACCUMULATION OF CAPACITY TOKENS"

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that this title objection be withdrawn.

II. 35 U.S.C. § 102 Anticipation Rejection of Claims

Claims 1, 2, 4, 6-12, 14 and 16-17 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Mc Alpine (U.S. Patent No. 6,011,798).

Further, Claims 3, 5, 13 and 15 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any interviewing claims.

Independent Claims 1 and 11 have been amended by incorporating the limitations of Claims 3 and 13, respectively. Thus, the rejections of Claims 1 and 11 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) are now moot.

Accordingly, Claims 1 and 11 are allowable, and corresponding dependent Claims 2, 4 - 10, and 12, 14 - 17 are also allowable for at least the same reasons.

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III. Conclusion

In view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicant submits that Claims 1, 2, 4 - 12, and 14 - 17 are clearly allowable over the cited prior art, and respectfully requests early and favorable notification to that effect.

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